the assignment. Which are good questions, but
I don't know how -- I'm going to ask Mr. Floyd
to give his side of the story, if he will, but
I'm -- okay, I've said enough.

I'm still not convinced that the Wilks organization — The Wilks organization may have a problem with the Commission, on your theory, but I'm not sure it's in the context of this case.

That's all I'm saying. But let's There might have to be some -- maybe it is. kind of amendment to the hearing an designation order to officially bring them in, or to technically bring them in. Let me just stop with that. This is all -- I'm just talking about way, way off in hypotheticalsland.

Mr. Floyd, before I say too much more and confuse you, do you understand what you are being asked? How did all this happen that your wife got the power of attorney and signed on your behalf on this assignment

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1	document? Or, first of all, did that happen
2	that way? Is that the way that it happened?
3	MR. FLOYD: Well, Your Honor, I
4	can explain that to you. I was incarcerated,
5	and my wife secured a power of attorney for
6	all matters. Certainly not just this matter.
7	I was incarcerated, and I think that, if we
8	had depositions, or if Your Honor asked me
9	questions as to why I was incarcerated, it's
10	certainly a matter of record.
11	It was front page news in northern
12	Nevada, southern Nevada, and most of
13	California, from Los Angeles to
14	JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, we're not
15	interested in that right now. We are
16	interested in the role that your wife played
17	with respect to this assignment, and what
18	knowledge you had of what she was doing.
19	MR. FLOYD: Okay. I have
20	absolutely no knowledge, nor does she, of any
21	type of, quote, "duping" to Wilks. I am not
22	upset with Wilks.

1	They perhaps could be, in this
2	scenario, I'm not judge and jury, but they
3	perhaps could be in a position where I don't
4	understand why my translator is still being
5	utilized by them to this date.
6	JUDGE SIPPEL: Why your what is
7	being utilized?
8	MR. FLOYD: I beg your pardon?
9	JUDGE SIPPEL: What is being
10	utilized?
11	MR. FLOYD: The translator itself,
12	102.5, okay?
13	JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. Go
14	ahead.
15	MR. FLOYD: It is being utilized.
16	I received a forfeiture notice by regular
17	mail, because the old address when I am
18	released from prison, I start trying to find
19	out what's taking place with the translator.
20	Because I heard that the transaction where
21	Wilks was purchasing it had fallen awry. It
22	had fallen apart.

As a matter of fact, the law firm sitting in your courtroom now has requested that their earnest money be refunded, and yet as of Friday of last week, a gentleman notified me and said "Do you know that they're still giving out information to people to listen to 102.5 in Carson City?"

My wife nor I, nor anyone that I am aware of ever told Wilks as per what I received in the mail from them that I was in an accident or in a coma or something. I have never heard of that in my entire life.

I am not putting the blame on anyone, I know better than that, until all discovery is made by Your Honor, the FCC, and everyone else. I'm not accusing anyone.

JUDGE SIPPEL: No, I understand that. That's getting beyond what my question is, way beyond it. I simply want to know that there was -- that your wife, as your attorney, attorney in fact, she had your power of attorney.

1	She signed a document which had to
2	do with the assignment, or the proposed
3	assignment, of your license, or the station,
4	rather, to the Wilks Group. And I'm just
5	asking you, is that true, she did that?
6	MR. FLOYD: She did do that. Yes,
7	sir.
8	JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. And
9	what were the circumstances? Did you know
10	that she was doing it at the time? Let me ask
11	that question.
12	MR. FLOYD: At the time, she told
13	me on the phone that she that they had made
14	an offer, and that Mr. John Shroeder was
15	negotiating with Wilks for the sale of that
16	license to Wilks.
17	JUDGE SIPPEL: And did you say
L8	what did you tell her to do? Or what did you
L9	tell
20	MR. FLOYD: Quite frankly, my
21	exact words were "go with your heart."
22	JUDGE SIPPEL: So she had the

1	authority to sign that document?
2	MR. FLOYD: Yes, sir. She did.
3	JUDGE SIPPEL: So then, if that's
4	the case, that you intended to go forward with
5	that deal
6	MR. FLOYD: Yes, sir. I did.
7	JUDGE SIPPEL: And it would be for
8	remuniration. That is, it would basically be
9	a purchase agreement, correct?
10	MR. FLOYD: That is correct, sir.
11	JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. So, at
12	what point do you feel that you have been,
13	quote, "duped"?
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- T	MR. FLOYD: Number one, I was told
15	then, later I'm not sure when, because I've
15	then, later I'm not sure when, because I've
15 16	then, later I'm not sure when, because I've been away for three years, okay? Almost three
15 16 17	then, later I'm not sure when, because I've been away for three years, okay? Almost three years. But I was then told that the sale,
15 16 17 18	then, later I'm not sure when, because I've been away for three years, okay? Almost three years. But I was then told that the sale, months and months and months ago, that the sale fell apart.
15 16 17 18 19	then, later I'm not sure when, because I've been away for three years, okay? Almost three years. But I was then told that the sale, months and months and months ago, that the

1 obviously, than this translator sale to Wilks 2 Communications. So it wasn't something that 3 we ever talked about. And then when I got out, I started 4 sending emails to FCC, finding out what's the 5 status of the translator, because my wife 6 received a bill at the end of 2009 from FCC 7 8 for approximately four hundred dollars for 9 some monies due FCC. 10 And I told her, although I was 11 still not released yet, I told her to pay that, because for the benefit of everyone I 12 wanted to come back and sell that translator 13 or utilize it for the benefit of 14 the 15 community, and also those people who were counting on me upon my incarceration. 16 17 So she paid that bill, and I still 18 to that date kept emailing trying to find out 19 the status. 20 JUDGE SIPPEL: Emailing who? The 21 Commission? The FCC? MR. FLOYD: Yes, sir. 22

1	JUDGE SIPPEL: Okay.
2	MR. FLOYD: They have copies. As
3	my wife said at the time on the phone, she was
4	paying for a renewal for the license and
5	wanted to know what to do, because money is so
6	extremely tight for us based on what happened
7	to me.
8	But I told her, for everyone's
9	sake, not mine, but for everyone's sake, to
10	pay that. And she did, and that check was
11	cashed.
12	JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. And how
13	much was that for?
14	MR. FLOYD: Approximately four
15	hundred dollars.
16	JUDGE SIPPEL: That's right. You
17	mentioned that. And what were your dates of
18	incarceration? From when to when? Month and
19	day?
20	MR. FLOYD: I self-surrendered,
21	per the plea bargain. I self-surrendered June
22	first of 2007.

1	JUDGE SIPPEL: All right.
2	MR. FLOYD: And then I was
3	released in November to a halfway house.
4	JUDGE SIPPEL: Of what year?
5	MR. FLOYD: Of 2009.
6	JUDGE SIPPEL: Okay. A halfway
7	house.
8	MR. FLOYD: 2009. And then I was
9	released, if you will, sir, to probation just
10	about two or three months ago.
11	JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. What
12	does that come out to, two or three months
13	ago? Is that July, thereabouts?
14	MR. FLOYD: No, sir. It would be
15	before that. Roughly May, let's say. Okay?
16	JUDGE SIPPEL: Roughly May of
17	2010, you are released on probation, and you
18	have to report regularly to a probation
19	officer. Is that how that works?
20	MR. FLOYD: Yes, sir. Once a
21	month.
22	JUDGE SIPPEL: That's all I need

to know. That gives us the general idea of where things stand and how it got that way.

Date-wise, we're okay.

All right, now I'm going to ask --

All right, now I'm going to ask -if you're willing to go forward with this, I'm
going to turn it over to Mr. Zaragoza, to see
if he has any more questions. There's also
Bureau counsel. Do you want me to have Bureau
counsel go first?

Thank you, MS. LEAVITT: Mr. Just to help clarify things, Your Honor -- and you're right. Obviously, the Bureau's concern in filing their opposition potentially, if issues there were implicating Wilks's potential abuse of process.

And our goal was, if we retained them as a party, at least through discovery, we would know whether or not there was sufficient basis to suggest possible enlargement of issues. That, as you pointed out, is very hypothetical, very far down the

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1 line. 2 And based on information that Mr. 3 Floyd has just shared, you of course will take it into consideration. But the email that Mr. 4 5 Floyd sent to Mr. Hutton on August twenty-6 seventh, and I will just read in part. He was 7 responding to Mr. Hutton's information about having sent the forfeiture order to Mr. Floyd, 8 9 because Mr. Floyd had apparently not updated his address in CBBS. 10 11 Mr. Floyd says "I want to also go 12 on record that from 2007 until my first email 13 of late 2009 or early 2010 to the FCC, I have had no contact with FCC, so in no way misled 14 15 anyone." Obviously referring the 16 to 17 designation issue about his having falsely 18 certified that he had an adverse finding. 19 JUDGE SIPPEL: I see. I see. 20 MS. LEAVITT: And again, Your Honor, just to move things along, the self-21

styled notice of appearance we received at

five o'clock last night, Mr. Floyd reiterates his ignorance of what was going on.

He says at paragraph four "I was told that some", quote, unquote, "were trying to take", quote, unquote, "my license, instead of allowing me to utilize it to help all of those who were counting on me in mу incarceration. I allowed something like this to happen to me over three years ago, but refuse to allow it this time without the truth being told to all. Until my release at the end of 2010, I never had any contact with FCC try to mislead or personally, nor did I falsify anything regarding who I truly am."

And then, in the second to last paragraph, however, he says "I did understand that it," the station, "was going to be sold, but that the buyer backed out," quote, unquote, "of the transaction, but is now saying that it was all my fault. I want you to hear all sides of the story and hope that then justice can be served."

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1	Obviously, in light of the
2	information that you have elicited from Mr.
3	Floyd, it seems that there are some
4	inconsistencies between what he's been telling
5	or representing to the Media Bureau that
6	he may have clarified or created more
7	confusion in his filing last night. So that's
8	the Bureau's
9	JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, that's not in
10	evidence, that piece of paper.
11	MS. LEAVITT: No, it's not. But
12	this is
13	JUDGE SIPPEL: But obviously, it's
14	informative, yes. Now, I'm going to ask just
15	one question, and really how do you explain
16	that there was a certification given to the
17	FCC that basically denied the fact or the
18	circumstances of your conviction?
19	Do I have that phrase right? Is
20	that what the document shows? It's basically,
21	you answered no to a question that was a yes
22	or no question. Somebody did, anyway.

1	MR. FLOYD: Yes, sir. And the
2	answer to your question
3	JUDGE SIPPEL: What's your
4	explanation for that?
5	MR. FLOYD: My explanation to
6	that, sir, is I have absolutely no idea, okay,
7	how any sort of misrepresentation could have
8	been done. Certainly by me, period, because
9	I was not there. And certainly not by my
10	wife, intentionally, to the FCC, period.
11	JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, this was
12	basically basically this meant checking off
13	a no box to the question. Is that correct?
14	MR. FLOYD: Yes, sir. I assume
15	so. But at the time, like I said, the
16	transaction was being handled by someone
17	besides my wife, who was working with someone
18	at supposedly Wilks's organization, in an
19	effort to sell the translator so that funds
20	could be received and help innocent parties
21	who were affected by my incarceration.
22	That did not transpire, so I

wanted to know two things. Why didn't it go through, and if it didn't, allow me to find someone that FCC would approve for that transfer, or allow me to utilize it, since I have been asked to come back and recreate a radio station -- I mean, excuse me sir, a talk show, that I did for fifteen years, called Nevada Matters during the week and America Matters on weekends. asked to reactivate I've been I have chosen to do so. But the bottom line is, that there are people right now who

community could benefit the by that translator, and I don't know what happened to the sale.

accusing I'm not anyone οf misrepresenting anything to FCC. All I can say, Your Honor, is that my wife nor I did anything to mislead anyone by purposely or even indirectly checking a box like that.

SIPPEL: Well, okay, but JUDGE that leads me back -- that's a long answer to

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what I thought was a short question. 1 2 was either a check of yes or no, and it was 3 checked no. And what I'm asking is, first, 4 who checked it off? If it was your --5 MR. FLOYD: I assume -- my wife just said "What box are you talking about?" 6 7 I assume it's on a form, correct? 8 JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, let me see. 9 Let me ask you, Bureau counsel. Would you explain more what this is for him? 10 MS. LEAVITT: I think, basically, 11 the issue appears to be the assignor, Mr. 12 13 Floyd, the licensee, is saying he did not 14 falsely certify that he had no false -- no 15 adverse filings. 16 That raises the logical, natural, 17 inference, that if it wasn't the assignor that 18 was filling out the application, then it would 19 have been the assignee, in this case Wilks, 20 that would have certified. And I've got the 21 application here, Your Honor, just

clarity's sake.

It's question eight on FCC form 345. Assignment for Translator Station. And "Adverse Findings. the form says Licensee/permittee, " in this case Mr. Floyd, "certifies that, with respect to the the licensee/permittee and any party to application, no adverse finding has been made, nor has an adverse final action been taken by any court or administrative body in a civil or the proceeding brought under criminal related the provisions οf any 1aw to felony; mass media-related following: any antitrust or unfair competition; fraudulent other government statements or unit; discrimination."

The fact that he was incarcerated for a felony money laundering conviction would have required him to respond "no" to the question, and he instead -- or somebody instead certified that yes, he had no adverse findings.

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	Certification that there was no adverse
2	finding was carried through to an assignment
3	application modification in which Wilks
4	advised the Commission that it was the
5	originating station, and would be providing
6	the programming for the translator. And then,
7	a few months later, the parties filed a
8	modification.
9	And again, it was certified there
10	was no adverse finding, when in fact you
11	know, I don't think it's in dispute that there
12	was. So if the assignee assignor, rather,
13	licensee, Mr. Floyd is saying he didn't do it,
14	the question arises, who did?
15	Logical inference would be that it
16	would be the assignee, or in this case Wilks.
17	JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, I'm still
18	MR. ZARAGOZA: I'm happy to
19	respond, Your Honor.
20	JUDGE SIPPEL: Go ahead, Mr.
21	Zaragoza. Thank you, sir.
22	MR. ZARAGOZA: If you apply common

sense to this -- and let me add one more fact. As the reply to the Enforcement Bureau's opposition pointed out, our law firm, as an accommodation to Mrs. Floyd, completed the application, which was then sent to her for review and authorization for signing.

As far as we know that she did review it, I don't know if she reviewed it with Mr. Floyd over the telephone while he was incarcerated or not. But we got the signature page back from her without any suggestion that any changes needed to be made to that section.

So it seems to me that pursuing your very good line of questioning of Mr. Floyd, and I appreciate his honesty in this, is to ask Mrs. Floyd whether she received the draft of the application, whether she read it, whether she discussed it with her husband.

But all of this is -- really the question is if his wife reviewed this and authorized the filing of it, as we were led to believe, to what degree did she inform him of

she was doing? Apparently, 1 as what earlier, he of 2 mentioned was aware the 3 transaction, the fact that there 4 contract, and what have you. 5 So again, the focus is always on 6 the relationship between the person who held 7 the power of attorney and Mr. Floyd at the And there's nothing in here that 8 9 implicates Wilks. It's pure speculation that 10 they knew about this conviction, which they 11 did not. We have affadavits, declarations 12 13 in the pleadings that they did not know about 14 it. And their headquarters are located in 15 They don't -- they're not in Reno. Atlanta. 16 JUDGE SIPPEL: Yes. 17 all MR. ZARAGOZA: And the negotiations occurred between, I guess, this 18 19 Wells. Shroeder, all over Ms. Ms. the 20 telephone, with Stephen Bradshaw of Wilks in 21 Atlanta, Georgia.

So again, it's pure speculation

here. We're willing to cooperate, but to have them kind of indirectly try to enlarge the issue to implicate us simply based on -- and use discovery for purposes of that kind of fishing is just beyond doubt.

I'm beginning to get a sense in this case that all of this is quite innocent.

this case that all of this is quite innocent.

And that here's a man that was incarcerated,
who in anticipation of that or at some point
gave his wife a very broad power of attorney.

As he mentioned over the phone, he needed to generate monies, what have you. They were willing to sell various assets. And she was unsophisticated, and what have you. They had Latham & Watkins as their counsel for a while, and I think Mr. Shroeder dismissed them.

And it was counsel at Latham that told me, when I asked, you know, why isn't Mr. Floyd involved here? He says "He's in a coma." Now the answer is somebody told David Burns at Latham and Watkins that.

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JUDGE SIPPEL: He was in a coma? 1 2 MR. ZARAGOZA: Yes. He was in a 3 therefore he was hospitalized, coma, therefore that's why his wife was handling 4 So I see a lot of innocence here, 5 things. and to go through all of this. 6 Now, having said that, it seems to 7 8 me what issue may remain alive in this whole 9 case is whether this conviction for money 10 laundering is disqualifying in and of itself, whether 11 irrespective of or not he 12 misrpresented. 13 But I'm not convinced there's any 14 misrepresentation here. But, rather, for you 15 to look more narrowly at the issue is should 16 this gentleman still hold a license, having 17 been convicted of money laundering, which is a felony. And if that's the case, all these 18 19 issues go away. 20 JUDGE SIPPEL: Unless it was a false filing with the Commission. 21

MR. ZARAGOZA: Well, that's true.

That's true. But then the issue there is what the wife knew and authorized. We're happy to fully cooperate on that.

JUDGE SIPPEL: But that is almost a separate investigation matter for the Media Bureau to ferret all that out, and then decide from that investigation whether or not a proceeding of some kind is in order. I don't want to resolve it sitting here, but it's true.

Really, the heart of the matter here is, has there been a disqualifying conviction that should be addresed independently of these things of which we don't really know. We don't really have complete answers. What would you say to that, Ms. Leavitt?

MS. LEAVITT: Your Honor, at this point, it's too early to tell. And that's the gist of our opposition. At this point, there are too many issues regarding the false certification.

raises 1 Mr. Zaragoza а very 2 excellent point about the impact of the effect of the underlying conviction on Mr. Floyd's 3 qualifications to hold the license. 4 But. 5 that's another specified issue. At this point, we are looking at 6 the universe of specified issues A through E, 7 and our position is that in light -- even 8 9 after some clarifying statements made by the 10 licensee and Wilks's counsel, there 11 sufficient questions that would 12 retention of Wilks as a party, at least during 13 the initial stages of discovery, so that we 14 can flesh out the record 15 And maybe, at a point not too far 16 in the distant future, Wilks could renew its 17 motion for dismissal, and maybe, depending on the development of the record, the Bureau 18 19 would not oppose it. 20 JUDGE SIPPEL: There are several -21 - there are two things that come to my mind in

terms of what would remedy that situation, and

one of them would be the commitment, 1 2 unqualified commitment that Mr. Zaragoza has 3 given. That they will absolutely cooperate in any type of discovery that you want on this 4 Am I quoting you correctly? 5 MR. ZARAGOZA: Yes, sir. Wilks is 6 7 a licensee, so you have juridiction over us. JUDGE SIPPEL: So they have a lot 8 9 to lose in that jurisdiction. And the other 10 possibility would be to dismiss them without 11 prejudice, until all these guestions are 12 resolved. And I would ask Mr. Zaragoza to 13 consider that. ZARAGOZA: We would have no 14 MR. 15 objection to that. 16 MS. LEAVITT: So, Your Honor, if 17 you dismiss them without prejudice, that meant that they would not be a party for discovery 18 But should, during the course of 19 purposes. discovery, we find information that would 20 21 warrant insertion of Wilks back in as a party,

the Bureau would move to do so.